



**PATENT**

**Atty. Docket No.: 2876 (203-3345)**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Schechter et al.

Examiner: Alex B. Toy

Serial No.: 10/712,486

Group: Art Unit 3739

Filed: November 13, 2003

Dated: February 9, 2006

For: COMPRESSIBLE JAW CONFIGURATION WITH BIPOLAR  
RF OUTPUT ELECTRODES FOR SOFT TISSUE FUSION

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- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- [ ] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [X] No additional fee is required.

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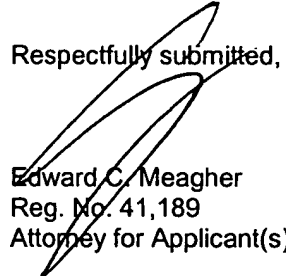
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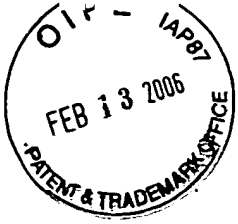
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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**A complete listing of the Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

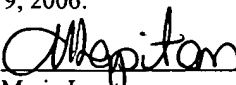
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